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Dear Sir:-

I interviewed Fred Frank, who lives with Cornelius Van Cleef on his farm at Middlebush. He is acquainted with Erling and in fact worked for Van Cleef at the same time Erling did. He says that Erling is a drunkard and when under the influence of liquor used to say that he was being paid to keep his mouth shut relative to the murder. He would never say, however, from whom the money was coming. Erling did not live at home because his parents would not have him coming in intoxicated. He at one time told Frank and another farm-hand named Nelson, who is now dead, about trying to burn up an automobile on Hamilton Avenue about five years ago so that the owner of the machine could collect the insurance. Erling was arrested once for some automobile accident, which he was in.

George Lozier, who lives on a farm back of Mr. Sidney Carpendor's place, informed me that in 1912 he was employed by the Singer Sewing Machine Company; that Mrs. Demarest, who then lived at 77 Hassart Street, New Brunswick, purchased a machine on the installment plan, and he was making the collections; that on one occasion she went away and while away claimed to have sent him \$4. on account of the payments, which he never received; that she claimed it had been sent in the form of a money order, and that he had checked it up with Bass Zimmerman, who was then a clerk in the Money Order Department in New Brunswick and found that she was telling an untruth. Later Mrs. Demarest's father apologized to Lozier stating that Mrs. Demarest could not be relied upon.

Yours truly,

David Thompson.

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